

Amendments to the Drawings:

Attached hereto are seven (7) replacement sheets of drawings of Figures 1-13 that were accompanied with the copy of the PCT application when this National Stage application was filed on May 31, 2005. Figures 1-5 are revised replacing the German language legend with the appropriate English translation. In addition, replacement sheets of Figures 6-13 are submitted for printing purposes. No changes are made to Figures 6-13.

Attachments:

Replacement drawing sheets (7); Figures 1; 2; 3-5; 6-10; 11; 12 and 13.

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the contents on the Office Action dated April 30, 2008 in which the application was deemed in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Reconsideration of the objections to the drawings and the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 31, 2005 is requested.

The drawings were objected to because the drawings originally filed with the National Stage application were only sufficient for examination purposes. Attached hereto is a new set of formal drawings for printing. It is respectfully submitted that the attached Replacement Sheets of drawings are suitable for printing and withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

The Action asserted that the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 31, 2005 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(1) because, evidently, the submitted or attached Form PTO/SB/08 was lost and not scanned into the electronic file for application number 10/536,984. Attached hereto is a copy of the PTO/SB/08 that was filed on May 31, 2008 and a copy of Venable LLP's stamped receipt of documents received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2005. The receipt indicates that an "Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO SB/08A with 8 references attached" was received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 31, 2005. Thus, it is submitted that the required list of patent documents being submitted for consideration by the Office was filed with the first submission of items under 35 USC 371.

In addition, the Applicants attach a second list of the patent documents that were submitted for consideration by the Office. The second list includes the U.S. patent application number, as now required by 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(1)(i). The Examiner is

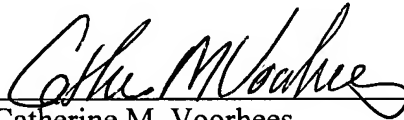
requested to consider the documents submitted with the first submission under 35 USC 371 on May 31, 2005 and make the same of record, as the omission from the electronic file was a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office error.

In view of the submitted Replacement Sheets and the attachment of a copy of the originally filed PTO/SB/08, it is submitted that the formal matters raised in the Office Action are overcome. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues remain and that an interview with Applicants' representative would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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